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THE FEDERAL, "RING." AGAIN.

Now, in all this, it has not been our intention to attach censure to the part taken by the friends of the convicted to procure the mitigation of his sentence, as they acted from motives of mercy alone, and were, unquestionably, conscientious in their endeavor; and in a matter of life or death, we maintain that, even after conviction, if a reasonable suspicion be entertained that the doomed man may be innocent, or if guilty of a crime that he has not wilfully rendered himself so, such suspicion or doubt should be properly weighed and respected. If upon reconsideration, under such circumstances, it should be shown that not sufficient evidence has been brought forth to criminate the accused, and he be acquitted, then the public will rest satisfied, and society will not be endangered; but in this case, wherein a new trial was denied from want of sufficient grounds, and in which an appeal has afterwards been taken without any known grounds, the effect upon the public mind is anything but desirable. It is simply laying the foundation for mob law; and so strong is the feeling now existing against this apparent act of evasion, that, while the people are neither blood-thirsty nor lawlessly inclined, we should not be surprised to witness the assemblage of a vigilance committee and see its vengeance meted out in the next aggravated case of murder that may happen in this neighborhood. The operation of mob law is not a condition of affairs to be encouraged; and statutory law indifferently administered is about the best nourishment for mob law.

If capital punishment may not be meted out to those convicted of the crime of which it is the penalty, then, why permit it to incur the statutes. It is not the act of mercy which men combine in denouncing, but it is this degradation of law, which seems to license murder and set at naught the value of human life.

A batch of 200 recruits, principally for the infantry companies now serving in Southern Arizona, arrived from California on Saturday. They seem to have borne the fatigues of a long, cheerless march, remarkably well.

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Not only has San Francisco lost the trade of the merchants of Southern Arizona, but with it has also lost the shipments and purchases of ores that otherwise must have found their way to them. We can freight ores from Tucson to Guaymas, by return trains, at about \$25 per ton, while, by the San Diego route, at ten cents per pound return freight, it would cost us \$200. No mine can afford to pay this amount on crude ores.

With Southern Arizona it is a struggle for life; the Guaymas route must be opened and San Francisco must help to drive the wedge.

If in the following statement, contained in a letter to the New Mexican dated Ralston, January 27th, there is any truth whatever, it is somewhat surprising that here, almost on the border of Sonora, we should be in total ignorance of such a gigantic conspiracy. It would appear, however, that a well-planned filibustering expedition is ready to march across the line and take possession of Sonora and thence extend its operations into the neighboring States :

Already a large number have been collected in Lower California, while no inconsiderable force is ready to cross at once into Sonora, which is to be the main point of attack. The filibusters have in their number men who are well acquainted with the roads and points in the country to be invaded, and appear to be confident of success. They claim that the anti-Juarez governor of Sonora (who has been fighting the regular governor for several years past with varying success is ready to join them with a large force of Mexicans and Indians, and that he has already collected

SHAME !

Of the removal of the military supply Depot from Tucson to Fort Yuma there is now no longer a single doubt. We understand that Asst. Quartermaster Col. Lee, has received orders to this effect, and that the freight contractors have received instructions to forward no more supplies beyond Yuma.

VERSAILLES, February 3.

though the line is clear. It is said the Germans are satisfied that France will refuse their terms of peace, and consequently seize provisions for own use.

Beef and Mutton, on Hoof or Bone
FOR ARIZONA.

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KIT CARSON, COLORADO, January 1st, 1897
The co-partnership heretofore existing under the name of Webster, Musick, & Cuniffe and Musick, Cuniffe & Co., is this day dissolved. Liquidation. Either of the firms is authorized to execute this advertisement.

J. M. WEBSTER.
C. E. MUSICK.
H. J. CUNIFFE.

The business of the late firm will be continued by Chas. E. Musick, under the firm name of CHAS. E. MUSICK & CO.

Having disposed of our interest in the late
of Webster, Musick & Cuniffe, and Musick,
iffe & Co, to Mr. Chas. E. Musick, would
pleasure in fully recommending him to the pa
of the late firms and the community at large.
J. M. WEBSTER.
J. J. CUNIFFE.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Currency, Government Vouchers, Gold
and Exchange bought.

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On San Francisco and Eastern cities sold.
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